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For : OPTICAL ELEMENT RETRACTING MECHANISM FOR A  
PHOTOGRAPHING LENS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir :

Prior to examination of the above-noted application, the Examiner is respectfully  
requested to enter the present Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this Amendment.

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